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FRANKFURT FOR GAO CONAHAN

E.O. 11652: N/A

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SUBJECT: GAO REVIEW: ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE AND FOOD AID  
PROGRAMS TO EGYPT

1. GAO WASH., D. C. HAS INFORMED DEPARTMENT AND USAID/W  
OF REVIEW BEING UNDERTAKEN AT REQUEST OF CONGRESS (HOUSE  
COMMITTEE ON INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS (SPECIAL SUB-  
COMMITTEE ON INVESTIGATIONS)) TO REVIEW, EVALUATE, AND RE-  
PORT ON THE PURPOSE AND EFFECTIVENESS OF U.S. ECONOMIC  
ASSISTANCE AND FOOD AID PROGRAMS TO EGYPT. STUDY PRESENT-  
LY UNDERWAY IN WASH., D.C. AT STATE, AID, AGRICULTURE AND  
TREASURY, WITH GAO OVERSEAS PHASE OF PROGRAM-AUDIT  
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SCHEDULED START AT EMBASSY AND AID MISSION AUGUST 26,

APPROXIMATELY THREE WEEKS, WITH FIVE-MAN GAO AUDIT TEAM.

2. GAO AWARE THAT IGA PLANS VISIT CAIRO LATE JULY OR EARLY AUGUST TO REVIEW SUPPORTING ASSISTANCE. ACCORDINGLY, GAO AUDITOR-IN-CHARGE, JOHN WATSON, PURPOSELY DELAYING GAO TEAM VISIT TO END AUGUST TO AVOID CONFLICTING WITH IGA REVIEW DATES.

3. GAO AUDITORS CONDUCTING REVIEW IN WASHINGTON, AND ALSO

PARTICIPATING IN CAIRO PHASE, ARE JOHN WATSON, LOUIS ZINARDI AND KENNETH MANN; ALL THREE HOLD TOP SECRET SECURITY CLEARANCES. TWO ADDITIONAL AUDITORS FROM GAO EUROPEAN BRANCH (FRANKFURT) WILL BE PART OF AUDIT TEAM, AND BRANCH DIRECTOR WILL NOTIFY EMBASSY AND AID MISSION OF NAMES OF AUDITORS, DATES OF ARRIVAL AND SECURITY CLEARANCES.

4. DEPARTMENT WISHES BE FORTHCOMING AND COOPERATE WITH GAO ON SUBJECT REVIEW WITHIN PROVISIONS 4 FAM 930-934. GAO AWARE THAT APPOINTMENTS OR CONTACTS WITH HOST GOVERNMENT OR PRIVATE SECTOR OFFICIALS ARE AT DISCRETION OF AMBASSADOR, TO BE ARRANGED FOR BY EMBASSY, AND WITH CONCURRENCE OF THE APPROPRIATE OFFICIALS. QUESTIONS OR PROBLEMS ARISING DURING COURSE OF REVIEW SHOULD BE REFERRED TO DEPARTMENT. ROBINSON

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